

Alexandria Gazette

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1914.

Continued cloudy and unsettled weather, probably occasional rain tonight and Tuesday; moderate northeast to east winds, becoming south-east.
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ALLIES' LINES ARE ADVANCING

Dispatches Say There is a Gradual Withdrawal of Germans.

LEAVING TRENCHES.

Invasers Declared to be on Defensive Everywhere—Only Sporadic Attacks—Assault Repulsed.

Paris, Nov. 30.—The allied lines are now being advanced south of Ypres. It is declared that gradual withdrawal of the Germans is evident. British and French troops are pressing forward, occupying the abandoned trenches.

Throughout last week the artillery attacks of the Germans gradually slackened, and it is now declared that many of the trenches in the inundated section of Flanders have been evacuated by the enemy.

South of Ypres, which is in ruin from the German bombardment, the allied advance has been cautious. Heavy artillery fire has been directed against the Germans, under cover of which new trenches were occupied, but a general offensive has not yet developed.

No changes along the battle line in Belgium and France was reported in today's official communiqué.

It was declared that the Germans nearly everywhere remain on the defensive.

Sporadic attacks are the rule. One of these attempts around Bagatelle was repulsed.

It is accepted here that the position of the allied armies is entirely favorable. It is confidently believed, however, that with the slackening of fighting on land in the western theater, greater activity may be shown at sea by the Germans. Work at Zeebrugge is being pushed with the utmost speed. The German submarines there are now reported entirely ready for sea duty, and parts of additional vessels are said to have arrived by rail for construction in the dock yards.

IN CORPORATION COURT.

Motion to Correct Assessment on Two Estates Argued.

A motion to correct the assessment on the estates of John A. Marshall and Zora Hill, was made before Judge Louis C. Bailey, of the Corporation Court, today by Colonel Francis L. Smith, attorney for the two estates. The assessment had been made by W. N. Lipscomb of Manassas, examiner of records of this judicial district and covered personal property which it is said was omitted from the assessment book for ten years prior to the death of the two men. In the Marshall case the assessment amounts to approximately \$1,000,000 and in the Hill case to \$150,000. The state is represented by Samuel G. Brent, commonwealth's attorney.

DEATH OF MRS. HARRISON.

Charlottesville, Va., Nov. 30.—Mrs. Elizabeth Stuart Harrison, widow of Dr. James Albert Harrison, for years professor of Teutonic languages at the University of Virginia, died last week. She was a daughter of John Letcher, war governor of Virginia. When the Prince of Wales the late King Edward, VII., visited America in 1860, she received him at the Executive Mansion in the absence of her mother. One son, Letcher Harrison, of the University of Virginia, survives, together with two brothers and three sisters.

City Treasurer Thomas W. Robinson will keep his office in the City Hall open tonight from 7 to 10 o'clock in order to receive taxes. All who desire to avoid having the usual penalty assessed for non payment of the same can avail themselves of the opportunity which will be afforded. After December 1st, the City Treasurer, according to law, will be compelled to add the extra amount prescribed.

NEWS OF THE DAY

Led by former Foreign Minister Stephen Pichon, the Paris press has begun a campaign to permit Japan to fulfill her desire to send troops to Europe to fight Germany.

President Wilson has appointed Seth Low, of New York; Charles W. Mills, of Philadelphia, and Patrick Gilday, of Clearfield, Pa., as a commission and "instrumentality of peace" to settle the Colorado coal strike.

The Austrian losses in the Serbian campaign up to November 1, according to war office documents, were 791 officers, 37,647 men killed; 2,219 officers, 90,736 men wounded; 118 officers, 17,087 men missing. Since then the Austrians have lost 25,000 more.

Trench fighting in a cemetery near Arras was marked by a ghastly episode when both French and German engineers happened to hit upon the plan of boring a tunnel beneath the tombs in order to reach the enemy. The diggers came face to face in the center of the cemetery, and a sanguinary combat with pickaxes followed amid the shattered coffins.

The Kolnische Zeitung of Rotterdam has received from an authoritative source in Berlin assurances that the persistent rumors of peace proposals there are absolutely without foundation. The message continues: "The military and economic situation is such as to supply no reason even for the consideration of the question of peace."

Pope Benedict XV in person solemnized yesterday the marriage of Prince Rufo della Scalotta and the Countess Gabriela Bacci, in fulfillment of a promise he made while Archbishop of Bologna. This is the first time a Pope has personally officiated at a marriage since Pius IX married Alfonso Bourbon, Count of Caserta, to the daughter of Count Trapani in 1869.

Mrs. Albert Winsten, wife of a diamond broker, wealthy, attractive, the mother of two boys, and chaste, of a splendid estate at Dobbs Ferry, killed herself under dramatic circumstances by leaping from the eighth floor of a hotel in New York yesterday. To accomplish her end, she made her husband a prisoner in a locked room.

Within 24 hours of the divorce granted to his wife in Connecticut, Dr. Joseph Blake was married secretly in Paris to Mrs. Katherine Duer, wife of Clarence H. Mackay until February last, when she was divorced.

Rev. Frederick Nicholson, of the First Spiritual Church, of Worcester, Mass., has appealed to the chief of police for "protection against love sick maidens and scheming mothers." For weeks, he said, his life has been made unhappy by love letters and telephone calls. He turned over to police a package of letters. Police officials subsequently visited one home and advised that attentions to the pastor cease.

The business section of Marienville, Pa., near Tionesta, was wiped out by fire yesterday. Twenty buildings with their contents were destroyed, the loss being estimated at \$150,000. Nearly 100 persons were made homeless. A spark from a railroad engine is believed to have started the blaze.

Lowe Daniels, a mountaineer, was yesterday placed in jail at Asbury, N. C., charged with the murder of his sister, Cora Daniels; his wife's sister, Ethel Luther and Edgar Varner. The three were found dead from bullet wounds late Saturday in Daniels' home. Mrs. Daniels also was seriously wounded. The cause of the quarrel is not known.

A. W. Stokes, a Macon, Ga., lawyer, on Saturday was found guilty of the murder on July 4 last of Virgil Thomason, a contractor, and on recommendation of the jury was sentenced to life imprisonment. Stokes advanced the plea of self defense and the "unwritten law," declaring on the stand that Thomason had broken up his home.

Go to the Hotel Rammel for the best fried oysters.

KAISER'S BIG ARMY ESCAPES FROM TRAP

William Appears in Person on Battle Front in East Prussia.

NO DECISIVE RESULTS.

Germans Said to Have Suffered Enormous Losses—Failed in Their Offensive Movement.

London, Nov. 30.—The Kaiser's big army in Poland, caught in a Russian trap between the Warthe and Vistula rivers, is laboriously extricating itself. The Kaiser in person is on the battle front directing operations.

There has been no decisive results in the terrific struggle there. The Russians continue to have the upper hand, but the German forces, fighting gamely against the predicament in which they found themselves a week ago, have not suffered the predicted annihilation.

This information comes today from Berlin. Even the Petrograd dispatches warn the public not to accept unofficial reports of a crushing Russian victory. That the Germans have suffered enormous losses and have failed in their offensive is asserted, but the official announcement says "the fighting is not yet finished."

Other reports from the battle front give the Germans credit for wonderful bravery and stubbornness in fighting against heavy odds. A week ago the German army found itself flanked, the Russians, by a series of feints and retreats, having succeeded in almost completely surrounding the Teutons in their march upon Warsaw.

Gradually the Germans are fighting their way out of the trap, and they may escape entirely—although the losses admittedly will be large. At one time it appeared that the Kaiser's soldiers would gain in this region a victory so decisive that it might shorten the war.

ELECTRIFIED FENCE FATAL

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 30.—W. J. Whitley, a wood dealer in Prentiss Place, was fined \$200 Friday night under the verdict of a jury, which tried him in Norfolk County Circuit Court on a charge of murder, growing out of the death of John A. Rusk, who was electrocuted when he tried to pass over a fence on which Whitley had introduced an electric current into the barbed wire fence, and had thus been responsible for Rusk's death. The jury's verdict was involuntary manslaughter.

NO EMBARGO AGAINST STATE

Shipment of Cattle and Hogs Will Not be Stopped.

Washington, Nov. 30.—Shipments of cattle and hogs from Virginia will not be stopped for the present by the Department of Agriculture on account of the outbreak of the foot-and-mouth disease in Loudoun county, Virginia. Loudoun is the only county to be placed under quarantine. Should the whole State be placed under quarantine it will interfere seriously with the shipment of live stock to the Baltimore and Philadelphia markets from the Valley sections.

Only an isolated case of the disease has been found in Loudoun. The Department of Agriculture officials are making an inspection of the county and if no other cases are found Virginia will be left free to ship its hay and cattle into Baltimore and Washington. On account of the quarantine covering hay, Washington is dependent upon Virginia for food for thousands of horses in this city.

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Virginia A. C. Outcasses Mohawks of Washington, D. C.

By defeating the Mohawks A. C. yesterday the Va. A. C. now has the claim on the 140 lb. championship of Washington, and Virginia.

The crack Mohawk A. C. of Washington, D. C. suffered the first defeat of the season at the hands of the Fast Virginia eleven yesterday by the score of 34 to 0. This young eleven are becoming known as the best team ever representing this city on the gridiron, having played seven games and won them all is something for the team to boast about.

In yesterday's game the boys of the home team were never in danger of being scored upon and started after their heavy opponents with a rush. In the first quarter neither side scored but the home boys carried the ball to the visitors 10 yd. line where they lost it on downs. At the beginning of the second quarter with the ball on the Mohawks 2 yd. line the visitors tried a forward pass which was intercepted and carried across the visitors goal line by Nalls. After this the home boys took things easy and were never in danger.

The Virginia A. C. have scored 198 points to the opponents 13 which is something to be proud of. In yesterday's game the Va. A. C. were forced to use some of its subs and they played a steady game.

Much of the credit for the winning should go to the heady work of quarterback Roberts who, uses his cren to the best of advantage. The stars of the day are hard to pick as the whole team worked like a piece of well oiled machinery, while the back field and the two ends played a steady game, the ends at times breaking up the plays of the opponent and making long gains by the use of the forward pass.

In the backfield the star is hard to pick. Nalls at fullback, and Curtain, and Wenzel at halfbacks made gains by their spectacular end runs and plunging through the line.

Sunday the Va. A. C. will play the strong Tokama A. C. of Washington, D. C. at 3:00 o'clock.

The manager is now trying to arrange a game with the National A. C. of Washington, D. C. who are claiming the championship of the D. C. for all weights which it played will take place in this city on December 12.

LATE E. B. KEY.

Funeral of Former Resident Attended by Members of Alexandria Lodge of Elks.

Funeral services for E. B. Key, a former resident of this city, were held yesterday afternoon from Wheatley's undertaking establishment and were attended by members of Alexandria Lodge of Elks of which the deceased was a member. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Edgar Carpenter, rector of Grace Episcopal Church and the Elks' funeral service was rendered at the grave by Exalted Ruler George T. Caton and the officers of the lodge. A "Lodge of sorrow" was held by Alexandria Lodge of Elks Saturday night at which time resolutions were passed regretting Mr. Key's death.

FIGHT FOR HEALTH OFFICER

No Dark Horse Expected at Next Meeting of Council.

There will be no compromise candidate for health officer of Alexandria according to the statement of members of city council, and the fight will be fought to a finish between Dr. E. A. Gorman, the incumbent, and Dr. T. Marshall Jones.

The friends of both physicians deny that either one has weakened and are confident that their man will be elected on the first ballot when council meets again on December 8th.

There has been considerable talk of changes to be made in the votes of councilmen at that meeting, but no definite announcements to this effect have been made. At the last meeting of council it was impossible to elect the health officer because neither side could secure 13 votes which are required to elect.

Twenty-three persons were killed and a number of others were injured in an earthquake which occurred on Friday in western Greece and the Ionian Islands.

CZAR IS RUSHING MEN INTO POLAND

Nicholas's Hopes Now Rest With His Gerat Reinforcements.

TERRIFIC FIGHTING.

Blusevites Still Claim Successes—

Tide of Battle Must Soon Turn One Way or Another.

Petrograd, Nov. 30.—The hope of Russian arms now rests with the great re-enforcements which have been rushed forward to the battle line in Poland. It is still confidently expected that the German armies on the line from the south of Plock to the region of Lodz will be crushed. Terrific fighting has marked the efforts of the enemy to cut their way out of that region, and real success has not yet been gained by the Russians.

The official statement today declares favorable progress is still being made by the Russian force, but it is evident that the various battles which have been going on during the past week have practically welded themselves into one vast engagement, which must soon turn one way or the other.

The army of General Kakenzen is declared to have been virtually cut in three parts, but one section has succeeded in extricating itself from its precarious position, though only with tremendous losses.

GIVEN A BENEFIT.

The proprietor of the skating rink has given the ladies of the Seminary Society a benefit on next Wednesday night. The Holy Name Band will be in attendance. Tickets for sale by the committee; also at the Mount Vernon Dairy and at J. Reece Caton's, corner Prince and Royal streets. Will be good any time during the season.—Adv.

FIRST WARD FIRE BUG.

Abortive Attempt to Cause Another Blaze in the Southeastern Section of the City.

There was a narrow escape from another conflagration in the First ward last Saturday night. An incendiary had fixed upon Zion Hall, on Franklin street, between Fairfax and Royal, in which moving pictures were formally exhibited and had the fire not been discovered in time a disastrous conflagration would have resulted. Virtually all the houses in that locality are of wood and occupied by colored people, and had the structure started to burn other nearby houses would have been destroyed also. It was discovered that coal oil was used by the pyromaniac. The fire was soon extinguished by people living in the neighborhood. There have been four incendiary fires in the southeastern section of the city during the past few weeks. The buildings destroyed were unoccupied at the time of their destruction.

BODY IDENTIFIED.

Wilmington, Del., Nov. 30.—The body of an automobile driver found last night burned to death under his car at New Castle, near here, has been identified as that of Harry Doughty, of Franklin City, Va. The body was found by the crew of a trolley car.

It is believed Doughty was on his way from Wilmington to his home alone when the car turned turtle and pinned him beneath it.

SALE ORDERED.

In the Corporation Court today in the case of Randolph J. Eckloff vs. the Emerson Steam Pump Company, and Orren G. Staples vs. same, a decree was entered ordering a sale of property of the defendant company. Gardner L. Boothe was appointed commissioner.

LOCAL BREVITIES

The Alexandria committee for the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Treaty of Ghent have received advices from the general committee that the celebration has been postponed on account of the present trouble in Europe.

Mrs. Alice Elliott, 81 years old, wife of James F. Elliott, died Sunday morning at her residence in West End. Mrs. Elliott was a native of England. Her funeral will be held at 3 p. m. Tuesday.

Mrs. Mary F. Mills, 67 years old, died Saturday afternoon at her home, 321 north Columbus street, following a stroke of paralysis. She is survived by her husband and several children. The body was sent to Vienna, Va., for interment.

Frank M. Cooke, who has been the cashier in the local offices of the Washington Southern Railway for eight years, has resigned to accept the position of traffic agent of the Capital Refining Company, at Relee, Alexandria county.

"Miss Fearless and Co." a comedy in three acts will be given by Del Ray talent tonight at the Westminster building for the benefit of the building fund of the Alexandria Hospital.

Canton Alexandria, No. 1, Patriarch Militant, will meet on Thursday night at Odd Fellows' Hall for the annual election of officers.

Funeral services for George H. Coryell, 65 years old, who died in Washington, were held yesterday. Interment was in St. Paul's Cemetery.

A large audience is expected to witness the presentation of Miss Fearless & Co. at the Westminster Building tonight for the benefit of the Alexandria Hospital building fund. The play will be given by Del Ray talent.

In the corporation court Saturday a decree was entered in the suit of the Cover Supply Co. against the Mt. Vernon Stables incorporated instructing the receiver of the latter, Frederick P. Russell, to collect the debts owing the company.

Dr. S. B. Moore, who was elected a school trustee from the Fourth ward at the last meeting of the City Council, qualified today before the Clerk of the Corporation Court.

The Woman's Auxiliary to R. E. Lee Camp, will meet tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock in Lee Camp Hall. A large attendance is requested as business of importance is to be transacted.

The Willard W. C. T. U. will meet tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at 713 Cameron street.

Cash contributions of \$100 and 50 cents are acknowledged by George E. Warfield, treasurer of the local Belgian relief committee.

Elizabeth F. Brooks, wife of L. Criffin Brooks died at the Freedmen's Hospital Washington, on Friday. The deceased was a daughter of the late Herbert P. Tancil, of this city. The funeral took place from 1012 Oronoco street yesterday afternoon.

GUNS ON CRACOW STEEPLE

Russian Commander Complains Germans Put Them There.

Petrograd, Nov. 30.—The Russians commander is much embarrassed by the fact that wireless apparatus, cannon and machine guns for repulsing attack by the Russian aeroplanes have been mounted on the steeples of the old Catholic churches in the centre of Cracow, Galicia," says a semi-official statement issued yesterday. The statement continues: "To appropriate to such use historical monuments which were not intended for any such purpose denotes on the part of the German military authorities a desire to compel the Russians to bombard this Polish city the fortifications of which form the last bulwarks of the Hapsburgs."

Norfolk Oysters in all Style at the Hotel Rammel.

CONSULATES TO BE PROTECTED

General Angeles Has Been Sent to Rescue of Foreigners.

THREE PRESIDENTS.

Zapata Forces in Mexico City Send Special Train and Delegation to Escort Villa to City.

El Paso, Texas, Nov. 30.—Gen. Felipe Angeles, chief lieutenant of Villa, is en route to Mexico City today with an infantry division with instructions to protect the foreign legations. Villa ordered Angeles to the capital when the latter returned to Tula after capturing Guadalajara, but dispatches early today say that Villa himself has not yet decided to enter Mexico City at once.

The Zapata forces in Mexico City sent a special train and a delegation to Tula on Sunday to escort Villa to the capital. Their plans called for his triumphal entry into the city today, but for some reason the northern leader delayed his departure.

Washington, Nov. 30.—With three distinct governments proclaimed in Mexico and others believed to be "in the burning," the beginning of a battle royal which will show one distinct faction supreme was in sight today. The latest claimant, General Pablo Gonzalez, has heretofore been looked upon as one of Carranza's chief supporters, and his defection may prove serious to the former first chief, now in Vera Cruz.

WAR TO END IN JUNE

Says German Efforts in Western Theatre Have Been Practically Exhausted.

London, Nov. 30.—That the war will be over in June or before was the statement made yesterday by an officer of high command in Gen. French's army.

"The war will be over before Ascut," was the way he put it, and the Ascut race meet comes in the middle of June when there is one.

His statement was made in all seriousness, and was justified, in his mind, by what he described as the fact of the situation.

These, in brief, he says are that the German efforts in the western theater of war are practically exhausted; that pressure on the eastern frontier will shortly become severe; that the psychological moment for the general offensive for which Gen. Joffre is waiting is rapidly approaching, and that when it does arrive the combined movements of the allies east and west will prove irresistible.

"Early in the summer," said the officer, "Germany will be ready to make peace on the best terms she can obtain." This prediction is regarded as purely a military one, and leaves out of consideration the question of what terms Germany will be able to obtain or willing to accept. Though the talk of the necessity of crushing Germany is rudely indulged in now, there can be little doubt that six months more of the war will have rendered the world's desire for peace a potent factor in considering its terms.

HOLIDAY APRON SALE

Auspices Christ Church Parish Aid Society, Christ Church Parish Hall, Wednesday, December 2nd.

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